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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GUELLEH OF DJIBOUTI

11. Following is the translation of the text of a message from President Ismail Omar Guelleh of the Republic of Djibouti to President Bush:

"As your country celebrates its 232nd anniversary of Independence, I join in your joy, Mr. President, and that of all your fellow countrymen, to commemorate this special event.

May your beautiful country further develop and may all US citizens fulfill their potential.

Rest assured, Mr. President, that I am entirely satisfied with the quality of friendly and cooperative relations which unite our two countries and that both my government and I are readily available to further promote and develop them.

I also take this opportunity to commend our two countries' excellent military relations with the counter-terrorism campaign.

Please accept my best wishes for the occasion and my assurances of friendship.

Highest consideration."

12. The signed original will follow via diplomatic pouch.

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